

REMARKS

The Office Action of December 29, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1 - 31 are pending in the application. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 16 - 31 are allowable and that claims 5-7 and 11-15 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to clarify their language. No new matter has been added.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Applicant has amended claim 5 to overcome the rejection.

The rejection is believed overcome.

Claims 1-3 and 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamamoto.

Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“ a first interface that exchanges information with a network device;
a second interface connected to the first interface that establishes a connection with the network device; ...”

Yamamoto fails to disclose a network communication device with two interfaces that connect to the same network device. Rather, Yamamoto in Figure 2 shows a mobile terminal 24 communicating with a **first base station 21** and a **second base station 22** over channels 27 and 28. Mobile terminal 24 is only shown to have a single interface that operates on two channels that connect to two **different** base stations. In contrast, claim 1 requires two interfaces that connect to the same network device. As Yamamoto fails to disclose each and every recitation of claim 1, claim 1 is believed allowable over Yamamoto.

Dependent claims 2-3 and 8-9 are believed allowable for at least the reasons set forth with respect to claim 1.

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Claims 4 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Yamamoto in view of Haartsen.

Claims 4 and 10 are believed allowable at least in their dependency on claim 1 as described above.

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3184.

Respectfully submitted,
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